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Public School Choice-No Other School at Grade Span

[Date]

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The main goal of the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001 is to ensure that all children in this country receive a quality education so that they can be academically successful in a high-performing educational environment. Under NCLB, each state is required to assess all of the schools within their districts to determine whether each school has made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), which means that they have met the academic testing standards set by the state. If the school has not made AYP for two consecutive years, it is considered "in need of improvement."

Based on the results of this year's academic testing in reading and math, your child's school [Name of school] did not make adequate yearly progress for the following reasons:

1. [Depending on the reasons for not making AYP, you may need to add language which explains student groups, participation rates, etc.]
2. [You should explain how the school compares in academic achievement to other schools in the district and state.]

In a district with more than one school per grade span, we would be required to offer parents the choice of sending their child to another public school in the district that is not in improvement. Since there are no other public schools in our district at this grade level, we must consider and establish, if practicable, agreements with other districts to accept our students from this school, although we are not required to furnish or pay for transportation. We have determined that this option is not practicable due to the distances involved and the high cost of fuel for parents or the other district to pay for transportation. However, if another district will accept your child, and you are willing to provide transportation, you are free to pursue this option.

We encourage you become involved with your child's school to support school improvement. [Outline a few actions parents could take to help improve performance. You can relate actions that would specifically support meeting AYP such as increase participation in the assessment or engage with reading/math strategies at home.]

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call [Phone number of contact person] or feel free to visit us at [address of district contact office for information] as we work to improve academic achievement for all children at your child's school.

Sincerely,

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